



# AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

AFSA Division 6 – The Golden West Division

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Fellow AFSA Division 6 Friends, Colleagues, and Family,

After much thought, conversation, guidance, and prayer, I offer this letter of intent to officially announce my candidacy for the offices of AFSA Division 6 President, Vice President, Trustee #1 and/or Trustee #2. I offer seasoned experience from our chapter and division levels, and I am a proud AFSA member for life. If re-elected, rest assured that I will continue to do my utmost to preserve and enhance our Chapters, Division, and Association by bolstering our membership through recruiting and retention efforts, fostering fraternity and communication, and energize legislation efforts through passion, dedication, effective communication, commitment, and teamwork. My focus areas remain: Action, Fraternity, Sustainment, Acceleration and Communication.

I am an active-duty Air Force Aerospace Ground Equipment professional serving as a Flight Chief and currently serve you as our Division President. My commitment to our Association's Quality of Life efforts is unwavering, and we have many goals to complete within our Division and Association. Previously, I held the offices of Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Membership Trustee and chaired the Division 6 Membership Subcommittee with emphasis on recruiting and co-chaired Division 6's 2023 annual awards program. My passion for the AFSA was ignited as a young Staff Sergeant and I have planned, coordinated, and executed a wide variety of AFSA focused base and community events. Additionally, I gained AFSA support across the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Joint Base Langley-Eustis populaces and local communities. I will always be involved with our beloved Association in some way, shape, or form.

Considering my active duty status, former Air Combat Command Inspector General and Air Education Training Command Instructor skillsets, AFSA Staff and Board of Director relationships, my understanding of our Association procedures and manuals, and local grassroots level Chapter challenges, I genuinely and firmly believe I am suited for the President, Vice President, Trustee #1 and/or Trustee #2 offices. I am motivated and ready to continue serving on the Division 6 Executive Council and further the aims and objectives of our association! I will continue fostering one-on-one Chapter communications, establishing obtainable goals, and blueprinting strategies that put our number one priority first: our members, regardless of military, veteran, retiree, civil servant or family members status.

I ask that you favorably consider me for the positions of AFSA Division 6 President, Vice President, Trustee #1 and/or Trustee#2. I am available to address any questions you may have; my cell phone number is (623) 293-7736 and my email address is [div6\\_pres@hqafsa.org](mailto:div6_pres@hqafsa.org). I stand ready to continue serving our chapters, service members, veterans and families on your behalf.

Yours in AFSA,

  
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AFSA Division 6 President